Nasir-ud-din, self styled operational commander of terrorist outfit HM, Chief of Lashkar-e-Toiba, Hafiz Mohd. Saeed has also announced recently that his outfit will attempt to accelerate their activities.

(b) and (c) In addition to continued diplomatic initiatives at various levels and intensive pressure on terrorists in the hinterland, the Central Government conjointly with the State Government has taken a series of steps to contain cross border terrorism perpetrated by the pro-Pak terrorist outfits/Pak ISI which includes strengthening border management to check infiltration, pro-active against terrorists within J&K; gearing up intelligence machinery; greater functional integration through an institutional framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces and action as per law against over-ground supporters of the terrorists.

The strategies, tactics and dynamic deployment to counter the terrorists are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored at various levels in the State and the Central Government.

As a part of conjoint efforts to curb terrorism, commensurate with a multi-pronged strategy, the Government continues to provide all possible support to the State Government in terms of financial help, security force manpower, technical and intelligence related assistance.

UN convention on organised crime

3481. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH :

SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has signed UN Convention on organized crimes;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement signed in this regard; and

(c) to what extent India will be benefited from this agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) Yes, Sir. On December 12, 2002, India became a signatory to the UN Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime (UNTOC) and its three supplementary Protocols against Smuggling of Migrants,

Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children and Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in firearms etc.

(b) The convention *inter alia* mandates the parties to criminalize participation in or aiding, abetting and supporting any organized criminal group, money laundering, corruption and obstruction of justice etc. in their domestic laws. It also covers a range of illegal activities, illegal sale of firearms, smuggling of migrants by land, sea & air and trafficking in persons, including women and children, etc.

(c) The United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime is considered to be an effective tool and provide necessary legal framework for bilateral, regional and international cooperation in combating activities like money laundering, corruption, illicit trafficking, offences against cultural heritage, growing links between transnational organized crimes and terrorist crime for tackling the scourge of global and cross border terrorism.

People reported missing in J & K

†3482. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

SHRI LAJPAT RAI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 3,744 people are reported to be missing in Jammu and Kashmir during last three years;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government to ascertain the whereabouts of these people; and

(d) if so, the information gathered about these people so far and the number of persons out of the same who are supposed to be out of the country even now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) and (b) As per the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir, an estimated number of 3744 persons have been reported to be missing till date.

(c) and (d) State Government has informed that most among the missing persons have reportedly been allured by mentors of terrorism and they are

† Original notice of the question was received to Hindi.